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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In the Matter of	:	
	:	Administrative Action
LOUANN KENEFICK	:	
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Formerly Certified as a CSW	:	CONSENT ORDER
in the State of New Jersey	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") upon receipt of information from the Atlanticare Health System which alleged that Louann Kenefick ("respondent"), who had been hired on August 28, 1997 to be employed as a certified social worker in the Infectious Disease Department, Ambulatory Care Division of Atlantic City Medical Center, had been terminated on July 10, 1998 for unprofessional conduct. Specifically, Atlanticare Health System alleged that respondent falsified documentation on medical records by forging the signatures of a patient and a witness on one chart and forging the signature of a witness on a second chart. The Board further notes that respondent has failed to renew her certification as a certified social worker for the 1998-2000 renewal period.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the written response of respondent who admitted the professional misconduct, it

appears to the Board that the acts of respondent, consisting of forging patient and witness signatures on medical records, constitute professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b) and (e).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS *26th* DAY OF *May* 1999,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Based upon respondent's failure to renew her certification for the 1998-2000 biennial period, respondent's certification to practice social work has automatically expired pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-7.1. Respondent is deemed suspended and shall cease and desist from engaging in all social work practice.

2. If at any time respondent seeks to be reinstated as a social worker, she shall comply with the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall submit to a comprehensive psychological evaluation performed by a Board approved therapist. Respondent shall pay all costs of said evaluation, arrange for the therapist to provide the Board with a copy of the evaluation, agree to the release of any and all records relating to the evaluation upon the Board's request, and shall fully comply with any recommendations contained in the evaluation.


b. Respondent shall appear before the Board to demonstrate her ability and fitness to practice social work in the State of New Jersey.

c. Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for her violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

d. If and when respondent is reinstated as a social worker, respondent shall advise the Board in writing of the name of her supervisor at her place of employment, and respondent shall give the supervisor a copy of the within Consent Order. Respondent shall meet on a regular basis with her supervisor to discuss her work. The frequency of the direct supervision shall be left to the discretion of the supervisor. Further, respondent shall cause the supervisor to send quarterly reports to the Board for a twelve month period, which reports shall comment on the quality of respondent's work.


Mariagnes Lattimer, MSW, DCSW

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and to be bound by the Order's terms.


Louann Kenefick